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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katsunori TAKADA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/762,559

Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: January 23, 2004

Examiner: Yee, Deborah

For: STEEL FOR USE IN HIGH STRENGTH PINION SHAFT AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOFHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.